Soviet leader leaves United States because of earthquake in U.S.S.R.

Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev cut his United States visit short and left New York yesterday because of a devastating earthquake (6.9 on the Richter scale) which killed an estimated 60,000 persons in Armenia, a republic in the Soviet Union. The General Secretary had planned to visit Cuba and Great Britain on his way back to the Soviet Union where ethnic unrest in the regions of Armenia and Azerbaijan is not the only major problem. Metropolitan areas of Armenia were hit by the massive earthquake leaving thousands homeless and thousands dead.

Even though the visit to the United States was cut short, Gorbachev left behind promises of a ceasefire in Afghanistan, unilateral Soviet military reduction of three million men, and pro-diplomatic talks in the Middle East.

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Model U.N. exercise helps students learn world affairs

Although the United Nations General Assembly will convene in Geneva, instead of New York, to hear Yasar Arafat this month, 15 Harding students met with an unofficial model United Nations in Conway, Ark. last week to hear impersonators of Arafat and delegates "representing" 150 nations to iron out simulated world crises.

The delegates came from universities and high schools from around the state and Arkansas' border states. Why did they meet? Not to solve all the world problems but to learn how the United Nations works, says Mark Elrod, political science instructor at Harding and advisor of the group.

Model U.N. is to help students "better understand how the U.N. works and to become better acquainted with difficulties the U.N. deals with on a day to day basis," Elrod said.

It was the first time in 10 years that a group from Harding has attended a meeting like the model U.N. The idea stemmed from discussion in a new political science group at Harding called the Samuel Adams Society. Its purpose is to promote political participation by learning outside of the classroom and to provide a means by which students in any field of study can get to know one another. The two-day U.N. exercise is a perfect example of the kind of activity the Society involves itself in.

Harding students become delegates for three countries.

The group of 15 were divided into delegations for three different countries. Martin Miller headed up the Chile delegation with help from Robert Otero, Scott Pulley, Joan Sull, and Chris Lawrence. The Ghana (See MODEL U.N., page 8)

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FALL GRADUATION CEREMONY will be held Saturday, Dec. 17 in the Benson at 10 a.m.

TONIGHT'S CAMPUS MOVIE is Scrooge

TOMORROW'S CAMPUS MOVIE is "One Magic Christmas"

The Bison
EDITORS

On the streets for the holidays

"I'll be home for Christmas..." For most of us, these woofing words of Johnny Mathis bring back fond memories of Christmases past and great anticipation of Christmas in the future.

But for many others, these words only serve as a sad reminder of what they don't have. There are approximately 400,000 people in the United States and 100 million people worldwide who don't have a home to go to. Their house consists of a cardboard box, a park bench or warm place over a heating vent. Their home is made up of themselves and a few friends on the down and out like themselves. Christmas is another day that doesn't offer many "tings of comfort and joy" or "peace on earth and good will to men."

Christmas Day may only mean extra scraps of calorie-laden food to be found in garbage bins, treasures of old trinkets, replaced by new ones, to be found thrown out with the trash, and some extra pennies to be made on the street corner. Fred won't see a new silk tie from Macy's; Erma won't get to try out her new food processor on creamed turkey; Johnny won't blast the house down with a Kenwood compact disc player; Sally won't wake to a shiny red Schwinn bicycle she was promised, and Baby Jim won't mutilate the Wembley Wobble House and See 'n Say on Christmas afternoon. No, Fred, Erma, Johnny, Sally and Baby Jim will be lucky if they get a Christmas lunch at all. No turkey, no dressing, pumpkin pie or cranberry sauce, except what's been thrown out for the dogs. If people in Fred or Erma's town care for them, they might get a hot meal served at the Salvation Army or like-mission. Otherwise, they're on their own.

As college students, we take our blessings for granted. We know that we will be home to rest in a warm bed in our own room Christmas Eve, we will wake to most of what we asked for under the tree Christmas morning, and we will gorge ourselves with rich, hot food Christmas Day. Most of this, without a thought for those who are not so privileged on that day.

The saddest statistic about the homeless concerns the innocent victims who are involved. Nearly 33 percent of homeless people are families with children. One third of these people have mental illness, another one third on the streets have alcohol or hard-drug addictions, personality disorders or marginal IQ's. A final one third are without a home because of job displacement with new technology, poverty or lack of cheap housing.

This Christmas, when you're thinking about being home for Christmas and while you're there, remember those who don't have a home. But do more than that. Find a local organization that provides these homeless with some comforts during the Christmas season and give from your abundance. And don't take your own home for granted. Thank God every day that He has blessed you enough to have one.

The Assistant Editor

Christmas: when some stop and remember Jesus

"Jesus is the reason for the season." Countless buttons, signs and bumper stickers proclaim Christmas as a sacred season of spiritual remembrance of Jesus. Is it the time when society chooses to celebrate Jesus Christ's birthday, but some refuse this celebration because the exact date of his birth is unknown.

Of course the exact date is not known, but should that keep us from celebrating the birth of the Christ who saved us? Once a year society chooses to show gratitude to Jesus in an annual festival which is called Christmas. Maybe the tradition was started by a church, who knows? Regardless of where the tradition came from, it has become a tradition for Christians and also for those who barely know of Jesus. But what an opportunity for those who walk daily with Jesus to take an opportunity to see who else see only a yearly occasion to celebrate Christ, and lead them to a daily remembrance of him.

But so many "who do walk with Christ daily" choose to deal in technicalities instead of the true meaning of Christmas. The spirit of Jesus has been spread during Christmas each year in spite of help from ones who wish to abstain.

Santa's gifts are great. I love the tradition of Kris Kringle, but why should we neglect the tradition heralding a real man whose giving of himself and his life ought to motivate our giving. A prominent Christian leader said: "Maybe it would be good for us to celebrate Christmas in the 'church' and get the emphasis back where it belongs — on Christ, rather than on the 'church.'"

We are often hesitant to do the things our society does for fear it will appear we are of the world. However, we are a part of a society which hushes itself and remembers a day some two-thousand-and-something years ago. That is our cue. A door to Jesus is standing wide open for some to pass through.

Words of encouragement from Christians to non-Christsians may escort some strangers to Jesus through the door which leads to him. And Jesus will be on the minds of millions during Christmas.

Christians ought to take this opportunity to speak of Jesus. Christ is the reason for every season, and especially Christmas.

— G.T.

Special Thanks

We would like to praise those who have taken the time to make Christmas a happier time for those who haven't been given as much spiritual or physical riches.

One example of each: The Knights social club helped the children of the Brown Home (a home for foster children in Searcy) feel the spirit of giving by collecting over $1,500 towards buying the children gifts. What a thrill the money come from? They imagined Harding University students. Thanks. By giving of your physical blessings you have helped a group of people share in physical and spiritual blessings. Thanks to the student body for "clinking" the coffee can with your extra change — it added up.

Thanks also to the concerned person who gave and will pass bags of food from their rich hands to other poor ones. God gives us plenty so we can share with those in need.

Radio KZ95 in Little Rock said it best last Saturday: "Hunger doesn't stop when the holidays are over."

Let's remember that and give — because Jesus gave.

Thanks for the lights

It's hard not to want to rush the day into dusk just to see the Christmas lights twinkling on the Harding Searcy campus one more time. Some 4,200 new white Christmas lights have dazzled the campus because of the efforts of the student body and especially the Student Association. SA President Mark Moore led the charge into a fund-raising campaign for the lights by asking the students for a quarter a piece. The SA got the money from the people who imagined they would get — they rolled up over $1,000 in pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, and a few bills from the student body.

The students did not, however, raise all the money to buy the lights. Moore credited administrators and teachers and especially Dr. Jerome Barnes and President David Burks for taking up the slack in fund-raising and organizing.

SA and many others of the student body hit the ground running Sunday night when they returned from Thanksgiving break. Before the morning dawning of the next day, the first ribbons had been hung on the light posts with care. The goal for the week was to twist over 4,000 light bulbs into the sockets of about 70 light strands. How did the strands of lights get in the trees and on the tops of the buildings? Ladders, and some brave souls whom we thank.

The Harding Physical Plant also had a hand in helping the student body string the lights. Well, mostly they had their "lift" in on it. It was with a spirit of cooperation that students and physical plant workers worked around together in the "lift" track to get the lights a little higher. It was with frozen feet that several students waded in inches of water on the top of one building to string lights. We would like to thank those who twisted bulbs in the student center, taped bows to the lamp posts, strung almost 170 strands of lights and for those who will have to reverse the process when the "I don't feel like taking the Christmas decorations down" blues hit come January. While we are thanking everybody, thanks power plant for the extra electricity.

To these persons: Thanks for lighting up the campus with the Christmas lights. They are beautiful.
I taught Donny everything he knew about Christmas

What about all this religious Christmas stuff? Is it really Jesus' birthday? I don't think so. I used to be brought up to believe it wasn't, but Donny Parker showed me differently.

Donny was the best friend a seven-year-old could ever have. We did everything together. We rode bikes together, we ate King Vitamin Cereal together, we played war together, and spent the night at each other's house every weekend.

We were blood brothers. We both hated girls and we stuck up for each other when someone called me fat or him four eyes. We even had a secret handshake — a true friendship.

Donny looked up to me and rightfully so. I was older than him (2 months), a fact I frequently reminded him of. I frequently reminded me of. Age and weight are two factors that loom large in seven-year-olds' relationships, so when Donny had a question, I was often his first stop.

One December day, as we played in a snowbank, Donny had a question. We had been talking about Jesus, Christmas, the number one December topic for seven-year-olds, when he said: "Mark, I was wondering, is Christmas really Jesus' birthday?"

I must confess now that I rarely, if ever, knew the answers to any of Don's questions. Usually I'd just act like I knew and I would believe me. But this time was different. I actually knew the answer. This was my chance to tell Don something about Jesus other than he was a prefix for various swearwords.

"No, No!" I blurted out, scorning Don for his blatant ignorance. "It's not his birthday and don't let anyone tell you differently. No one knows when his birthday is."

I sat there for a while almost embarrassed that he had even asked.

He knew better than to argue theological issues with a guy who went to church on Wednesday nights, but under his breath he mumbled, "If nobody knew when my birthday was, I wouldn't mind if they just picked a number.

I still remember what Donny mumbled that day in that snow bank. Donny, who had never been to church a day in his life, saw a smiling Jesus who said "go ahead, just pick a day" and I saw a frowning Jesus yelling, "NO, NO, NO, for the last time, it's not my birthday!"

Do we really think that he cringes when we sing about mangers? When he hears songs about Bethlehem and wise men does he pull his hair and say "it never says three, it never says three..." I doubt it. I really doubt it.

Fifteen years later, I wonder if Don remembers what I told him. I hope not, because he now has a two-year-old who might ask him the same question. I don't think there is any one thing he remembers about his friend who went to church three times a week.

Meet Warren Carpenter

(Student questions and public statements reviewed 1988 election results)

by Mark Moore

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Meet Warren Carpenter

Political scientists review 1988 election results

by Mark Ethor and Tom Howard

We all know the election was two different contests in Congress and in state and national level. The reason for this is that the voters of Box 4A were the only people who were involved in the race.

One of the most interesting races this year was the race for the Second Congressional district seat in Arkansas which includes White County. Since 1984 this seat has been held by Tommy Robinson, a Democrat and former sheriff of Pulaski County. Robinson was challenged this year by Warren Carpenter, a Republican, former educator, and resident of Little Rock. No one's surprised Robinson won re-election by a comfortable margin. He received 84 percent of the votes in the Second District and 88 percent in White County.

What was unusual about this election in Searcy was the share of the vote the two candidates received in Box 4A, the fourth ward which is the ballot box located in the American Heritage Center. In a pattern totally different from the rest of the district, the voters of Box 4A gave Carpenter an easy victory with 48 percent of 585 votes cast making it the only box he won in the county. This unusual pattern of results is the kind of result that makes researchers take notice.

The reason at least one box in an entire county choose to vote for the overwhelming loser in a race? It is not that difficult to understand because every Republican candidate on the ballot in 4A won easily (Bush got 45 percent). This means that it is a solid Republican county. Keeping in mind that 90 percent of the voters in 4A are Harding students, the conclusion is that Harding students preferred Warren Carpenter to Tommy Robinson in Congress over Tommy Robinson.

I, a public service, we feel as if it is someone's responsibility to tell you who Warren Carpenter is, mainly because there is an important lesson to be learned from this unusual voting idiosyncrasy.

We say that Carpenter's little unusual would be an understatement. While he has never held an elected office, he has been involved in state politics for many years. He rose to prominence in the 1970s, when he was elected to represent them in Congress over Tommy Robinson.

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We have, to say the least, is a rather straightforward question. Why does this country have two candidates on the ballot because the Republican Party couldn't stop him? This happens all the time in state politics. There are only three reasons why someone might have voted for him. First, a person might really hate Tommy Robinson and want him out of Congress at all costs, even if it meant sending Warren Carpenter to Washington, Robinson's strongest supporter. Second, someone might have believed that Carpenter was the better qualified of the two candidates and would be the kind of person they would be proud to have represent them in Congress. Finally, a voter may have voted for Carpenter simply because he was the Republican candidate without knowing anything else about him. If anyone voted for Warren Carpenter for this reason, how could they conclude that they voted wisely and intelligently after a careful review of his credentials?

Even if the voters in Box 4A did not know all those things about Carpenter before they read them here, there is still a certain irony in voting for him. Tommy Robinson, the candidate voted against on Nov 3, is now favored by more Republicans in this county than the Republican nominee. This is because Robinson is quite capable of representing most conservative and Republican views and values in Washington even though he says he is a Democrat. Since going to Washington, Robinson has been one of Mr. Reagan's strongest supporters. Voters in Box 4A may not have known that Carpenter was an embarrassment to his own party, this could be the reason why he wasn't brought to campus for voters to meet when the other Republican candidates were introduced.

The views expressed here should not be interpreted as an argument against voting for Republican candidates or that Harding students should not have the right to vote in Searcy. The point is that the market on candidates that are genuinely qualified. Every American should register and vote somewhere, otherwise one is failing to exercise one of their most important political rights. Like most people in our profession, we believe that a functioning two-party system is the best means of ensuring that we have qualified leaders. Having candidates from two or several parties is the major reason why our political system is truly democratic.

There is no doubt in our minds that college students are qualified to make intelligent decisions when it comes to voting or anything else. For example, to the credit of the voters of Ward 4A, the majority favored a much-needed millage increase to support the public library while the rest of the county voted it down.

We are trying to illustrate here is what was echoed on the pages of this newspaper in the weeks leading up to the election. You should vote, but vote intelligently and responsibly. After all, there is always a third alternative on your ballot — you can choose "none of the above" if you don't vote in a particular race if you do not have the information necessary to make a choice. In this case, that may be the more reasonable, responsible, and wise decision.

This election is over and nothing can change the votes cast. However, the important lesson to be learned is that one should consider each and every candidate's credentials carefully before exercising one of our most precious political rights, voting.
Petit Jean 'shelved' in Hall of Fame

The Petit Jean was one of two yearbooks named in the Associated Collegiate Press Hall of Fame in a charter induction Oct. 29 in Atlanta. The book qualiﬁed by receiving 10 consecutive All-American ratings and was one of two yearbooks in the charter group. The other was the Orient at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind. Fourteen college newspapers were also included.

From the Top

Petit Jean debuts with human tricks, Santa

by Kristin Webb

This time next year, students all over campus will be eagerly anticipating the second annual Big D Christmas Extravaganza. This year's show was taped in front of a live audience of over 250 students and guests on Tuesday night. It was sponsored by the Levi Blues Crew (Harding's PRSSA chapter). The Student Association helped sell tickets to the taping for a dollar a piece. Half of the proceeds from the ticket sales was donated to the United Way.

The Benson stage was transformed into a holiday TV talk show set complete with a David Letterman style desk, Christmas tree, and bandstand. The 16 regular crew members plus a few PRSSA members arrived hours before the show began; many technical preparations were needed. The evening featured Station B: the world's most Paranoid Band, whose members include lead guitarist Randy Williams, Todd White on bass, and drummer Josh Touchton. They supplied the show's introduction and lead-ins to commercials for Big D tion. Another highlight of the extravaganza was the human tricks. There were 31 entrants with acts ranging from body contortions to a nail being driven through a nose. But Jeff Holland emerged the winner after the judges' decisions were handed out.

Holland displayed his unique talent of nailing a Chucky up his nose and then spitting it from his mouth with a straw, hitting a dart board held by the "Big D" himself, Darren Bonham. For his talent, Holland received two gift certificates for a free Levi's jean jacket and a free pair of Levi's jeans. Bonham hosted three special guests on his show as well. Horror specialist Mark Bonham explained the close connection between the Christmas season and spiders, snakes, and horror movies. Brian Maashburn, the human trash compactor, made his regular appearance on the show, trying once again to break the moon pie eating record. He almost accomplished this feat by cramming four whole pies into his mouth during his last minute, but he did not get enough down to seal the moon pie eating crown. Harmonica player Kevin Kerby got the audience clapping to a blues number while the band supplied spontaneous backup.

The show lasted almost an hour and 45 minutes, but it will be edited down to an hour and a half before being aired. Overall, the show's director, Melydia Clewell, felt the show was a success. Bonham said "everything fell into place because of Melydia's excellent planning." Clewell attributes the success to the show's technical director, Mark Hodges. "He's so talented. He did a great job," said Clewell.

After all cameras were turned off for the night, the PRSSA made Santa available for pictures with anyone who wanted to sit on his knee and pay two dollars for the picture. Santa gave away candy and Levi 501 posters to round out the evening.

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People in the news

HU makes two
administrative changes

President David B. Burks today announce-
ed two administrative changes in the univer-
sity relations division of Harding University.
Alvin Fowler has been promoted to assist-
ant vice president for university relations.
A separate university legal office has been
created. William Tucker is serving as the uni-
versity's legal counsel. Both the appoint-
ment and the creation of the new office are
effective immediately.

"Both of these men have demonstrated ex-
ceptional leadership and technical skills.
These changes and new designations will
allow Harding to use their skills more com-
pletely," said Burks.

Fowler, 42, joined the Harding staff in 1973.
In 1984 he was named director of develop-
ment at the University.

Tucker, 44, joined the staff of the univer-
sity relations office in 1983.

Terral gets
new appointment

Henry Terrill, an associate professor of
library science at Harding University, has
been named Systems Librarian for Beau-
mont Memorial Library by Winnie Bell,
librarian director.

Memphis State classes
approved for Harding

The Arkansas Department of Higher
Education has approved a proposal by
Memphis State University to offer graduate
classes on the Harding University campus
leading to the Ed.D. degree in Higher
Education on Adult, Continuing, and
Community Education.

The first of 30 approved courses will be of-
fered for the spring semester.
Specific information regarding applica-
tion, registration, residency requirements,
and GRE scores should be addressed to Dr.
Thomas C. Valinsky, College of Education,
Memphis State University, Memphis, Tenn.
38152.

Kay to speak to
129 HU grads Dec. 17

Dr. C. L. Kay, vice chancellor of Abilene
(Texas) Christian University, will address
the 129 graduates in Harding University's
commencement exercises Dec. 17 at Benson
Auditorium. The program will begin at
10 a.m.

The ceremony will be a change in routine
with the program set for Saturday morning.
In the past, the graduation exercises have
been held on Friday. The change was made
because of the week-long recess granted to
the student body during Thanksgiving week.

Kay joined the ACU staff in 1982 after ser-
v ing as Lecturer, Dean of Student Life, Vice
President for Public Affairs and Assistant
President at Lubbock Christian College.

A well-known lecturer, he has delivered
more than 5,000 addresses on the principles
of the American System of Private Enter-
prise, the nature of men, comparative
economic systems and religion, historical,
and moral values.

HU professor named
to Education Council

Dr. Wade Bedwell, a professor of educa-
tion at Harding University, has been ap-
pointed to the Constituency Body of the
Arkansas Special Education Personnel
Development Council (SEPDC) for 1989-92.
The Council is made up of individuals com-
mitt ed to quality educational services for
handicapped students and who have an in-
terest in the preparation of personnel for
their education.

New HU Alumni
Association president

Kenneth Dunn, budget and statement
analyst with Pullotch Corporation in Mon-
ticello, Ark., was installed as president of the
Harding University Alumni Association dur-
ing Homecoming weekend at the universi-
y Nov. 4-6. He succeeds Phil Dunon of Rogers.

Good luck
on finals and
have a
Merry Christmas!

JIM PHIPPS HELPS DECORATE THE CAMPUS with lights for the
Christmas season. The lights were purchased with the help of donations
by the student body and faculty. (Photo by Sharon Twose)

57 H.U. students make Who's Who list

Fifty-seven Harding University students
were chosen for Who's Who Among
Students in American Universities and Colleges for
1988-89. They are: Digna Aguilar, Miguel
Aguilar, Olani (Bubba) Alsup, Stephanie
Alsup, Todd Austin, Jodie Baker, John Bar-
ton, Jimmy Beanez, Tanay Boatwright,
Kelley Brown, Bryan Burks, Laura Burks,
Carolyn Camp, Raes Anne Carr, Robert
Downs, Stephanie Elchuck, Donna England,
Brooks Davis, Gabrielle DeMatteis,
David Escue, Tonja Fogle, Onetta Gardner,
James Thomas Howard, Deborah James,
AliCe Jeff Jewell, Sandra Jones, Jill Kinzer, An-
drea Livany, Craig Maier, Shelli Meador,
Mark Moore, Savannah Morley, Shannen
Morris, Andy O'Ree, Robert Ritter, Hernan
Riverol, Michele Roder, Robert San Juan,
Elizabeth Segraves, Cheryl Beth
Morris, Andy Olree, Robert Ritter, Hernan
Riverol, Michele Roder, Robert San Juan,
Elizabeth Segraves, Cheryl Beth Stanley,
Greg Stevenson, Kristen Swenson, Greg
Taylor, Andy Thomas, Leslie Anne Thomp-
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Lights . . . . (continued from page 1)

Press releases about the new decorations have been sent to the Little Rock media in hopes that the community will come and see the lights.

Asked if the campus Christmas lights would become a school tradition, Moore said, "I really hope so. That was the intent of starting this project."

"Not only would I want this to be a tradition, but I hope it will be something that is added to each year," Moore said.

Moore hopes the community will begin to look forward to the lights in coming years. "By having people come and see the campus lights, they can enjoy the beauty and hopefully remember that Christ is the reason for Christmas," Moore said.

"If anyone should celebrate the fact that Christ came into the world it should be Christians," Moore said.

Moore says "thank you" to all those who helped make this project such a success. He mentioned specifically the work of Burke, the Physical Plant, and the student body.

Harding clubs give Brown Home children special gifts, clothes, smiles

by Trish Shanklin

Even out with

"JOY and Knights social club have band- ed together to bring happiness to the children and teens at the Brown's Home. Mrs. Lois Brown, associate professor of special education, and her husband, Her- man, have become foster parents for dozens of children throughout the years. The couple usually has between 20 and 30 young people in their home at any time. The College Church of Christ helps support the family, and funds run around Christmas."

For the past 14 years, Knights has provided the family with a Christmas party. This year was no exception. JOY, a women's service club, also helped in the effort for the second year. Jeff Holland headed the committee for Knights. Christy Castner and Michelle Barbeau were responsible for JOY's part.

This year each dorm room was visited by either a JOY or a Knights member asking for donations. Holland said this has been one of the best years for collecting funds. "This is the best year in collections," he said. The total amount collected was between $2,500 and $1,000. Last year's collection was about $1,000.

About 40 Harding students participated Dec. 1 in the Christmas party. The money went toward gifts for the children, clothes, and possibly for a new television set. The family would like to have for the children. Santa Claus made an appearance to hand out toys and clothes which two clubs had shopped for and gift wrapped. A Christmas tree was provided and the group sang Christmas carols.

Every other Thursday night Knights holds an hour devotional at the Brown's Home. Regarding the home, Holland said, "It is an ongoing service project but this Christmas party is the highlight."

Other Christmas projects JOY is active in include caroling and a party for the Sun- shine School.

Anaura Leek headed the caroling efforts this year. On Dec. 4 a group of students, both male and female, visited the homes of shut- ins and families. The group sang to at least 10 families by the end of the night.

The Sunshine School Christmas party was held Dec. 6.

JOY committee chairman Dawn Helms said, "There were 20 to 30 JOY members and guys at the party." There were games, sing- ing, arts, crafts, and refreshments. Santa Claus was also there to take the children's wish list.

The Christmas party was the third party this semester for the Sunshine School.

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New ideas for Christmas gifts to help survive low budget depression

by Susan D. Arnette

“A penny for the poor. A penny for the poor. It’s that time of the year again. The time when students begin to sound (and look) like street urchins, when everything in Wal-Mart becomes a potential Christmas present and you begin to think about soup canvings, tin cans and plywood as candidates for gift material.”

You think the illumination on campus is from the genius of Mark Moore’s fundraising techniques? No! It’s from the hands of 2,000 college students suddenly coming up with “the perfect” (but cheap) Christmas gift. The trick is to come up with the perfect gift that will still allow you to go to Bonanza on Monday night, Wendy’s on Wednesday night, Shoney’s on Friday, and Taco Bell on Saturday.

That’s not completely the truth. There are many students who want to give their family nice gifts but just don’t have the money. Mom’s every-year-before-Christmas statement, “Wait until you’re on your own. Then you can get us some nice gifts,” is beginning to sound a little too serious, and the price tag keeps going up every year.

Harding’s home economics department comes to the rescue in the area of creative, personable gifts for your shopping convenience. Some of the crafts may be time-consuming to make, but what better is there to do besides watching “People’s Court” and soap operas over the Christmas break?”

Lolita Higginbotham, assistant professor in the home-economics department, recommends making Christmas ornaments out of salt dough or sawdust and spices. Almost every elementary school activities book has the recipe for the salt dough. She also suggests making wreaths out of pine cones or straw and tying with ribbon. Any craft store could help in this area.

“Pulling together a booklet of favorite family recipes and some new ones is to try makes a nice gift for a new couple or elderly person. The recipes can be put on colored index cards to match the kitchen, laminated, and pulled together with ribbon or a ring binder. A collage of family reunions or a photo album of a family member’s past year is a present that would be appreciated by the nostalgic. If you’re extremely industrious, you might try telling the story of your family on videotape.

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For the more talented ones in the bunch who aren’t eyecore from finals, a gift of cross-stitch or any other kind of needlework is personable, fun, and pretty. Higginbotham suggests using napkins, towels, handkerchiefs or sweatshirts as a background.

Or, if you’re ultra-talented, you might try the G.T. all-time favorite gift and make personal stationary for each member of your family. Then suggest they actually use it and address it to your box while you’re at school.

For other students who can’t find the time or the inclination to be creative, there is hope for cheap gifts. Of course, a woman’s favorite food is always the ultimate gift. You can package it in a decorated storage box or basket. Bathroom accessories for men or women, scented soaps and storage bins are both creative, there is hope for cheap gifts. Of course, a woman’s favorite food is always the ultimate gift. You can package it in a decorated storage box or basket. Bathroom accessories for men or women, scented soaps and storage bins are both useful and popular. Finally, if all else fails, give the generic $2.59 to $8 and add Christmas spirit to any store.

Remember, only 13 shopping days left!

Christmas lights on buildings and trees on the Harding Seancy

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HU group manages global crises in model United Nations exercise

Model United Nations... (continued from page 1) group was led by Peter Davis. He had help from Robbe Counts, Suzanne Dunlap, Clay Harland, Paul Schweden, David Earnhart, and Murphey Crowson. The Senegal delegation was filled by leader Robby Schaffer and his crew: Randy Barnes, Terri Benney, Scott Hoover, and Melanie McKechnie.

Senegal and Ghana are in Western Africa; Chile is the long western coastline country in South America.

The Harding group performed well in the exercise, said Elrod. The organizers of the model U.N., which is sponsored by the University of Arkansas at Conway, created an ongoing crisis for the students to work out together.

Speeches were given by impersonators of Arafat, the General Secretary of the U.N. (the one who moderates discussion), and other world notables. Also, special committees met to deal with unique problems such as a current one in the real U.N. in which the United States refuses to acknowledge the Palestine Liberation Organization as a full member of the U.N. In fact, Arafat was refused a Visa into the United States last week because of his association with terrorism. Arafat wanted to come to New York to speak before the General Assembly of the U.N. about relations with Israel.

In the model U.N., the Security Council decided to leave to the General Assembly the decision of whether Arafat would speak at the U.N. Arafat spoke in the model U.N.

The Security Council, in the real U.N., is made up of representatives from five superpower nations and ten rotating other nations.

The Security Council was a group which was allowed to discuss nations' problems in a small group. Robby Schaffer was a part of that group in the model U.N. and he said it "made his experience" with the exercise a good one.

"I enjoyed the model U.N. (exercises), but what made it interesting for me was the fact that I was on the Security Council," he said.

"I was really pleased with our group. Seeing the students' performance gave me a chance to see how Harding students shine in comparison to other universities," Elrod said.

A HARDING DELEGATE, ROBBE COUNTS, ADDRESSES the model United Nations.

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Lack of sleep can cause physical illness and lower grades

by Jill Smiley

Amid finals and due dates for term papers, what is one of the most needed by longer, according to a December 1987 article, is sleep. When we don't get enough we can function well as children of God with our full potential.

People who have a regular sleeping pattern of seven to eight hours a night live longer, according to a December 1987 article. With less sleep, classes are hard to concentrate on schoolwork or your job when you don't get enough sleep. Sleeping on the job has become a problem national-wide. With less sleep, classes are hard to concentrate on schoolwork or your job, and our motivation level tends to fall.

You can do something about the "sleep problem," however. Better time management will free you to make time to sleep. No one wants to miss the fun times at curfew in the dormitory, catching up with everyone and all the phone calls too. But if you plan to stay up until 2 a.m. with your friends, you need to make up for it some other time with extra sleep. Naps can help you. Taking naps appears to correspond to lower rates of cor­onary heart disease, says a study by the Medical School of Athens, Greece.

Another factor in helping to sleep is the right kind of food. Rich foods (most soft drinks) and spicy foods can inhibit sleep, but foods that contain amino acids such as chicken, eggs, and milk help you sleep.

Some researchers blame our lack of sleep on Thomas Edison for inventing the light bulb. Before the invention, people were on the sun's cycle.

We can't blame our problems on poor Tom. Instead we can realize that this is something we can act on. So get the right amount of sleep (seven to eight hours a night)... the rest of your life depends on it.

Central America celebrates Christmas its own way

by Dawn Dunn

As victims of commercialization, Americans often forget that Christmas is a holiday celebrated not only here, but in Latin America as well as numerous other global regions.

With December upon us, American families are busy preparing for their various renditions of celebrating this holiday season. While traditions vary among us, we have some cultural constants that we often mistakenly assume are universal.

In Panama, Costa Rica, and Guatemala, mistletoe does not play a part in the tradi­tional festivities. Although these and various other customs are absent, Latin America is not lacking in a rich holiday heritage of its own.

In Panama, Christmas begins well before the 25th, and in fact, a stronger emphasis is placed on Christmas Eve day.

The official celebration begins around 7 p.m. on Christmas Eve with a dinner party. The main course is usually a roast pig or arraco con gallina (rice with chicken) served to close friends and relatives. A mixture of soft corn and mild calk cicheme is served as a beverage.

Afterwards, the young people go visiting their friends. Everyone is prepared to serve to people sleeping by. The older people stay at home and welcome the guests.

Around midnight the younger kids open the presents. Older kids and young adults go dancing until three in the morning. When they awaken, many people head to the beach for the afternoon. Christmas day is spent recuperating from Christmas Eve.

In Guatemala the 24th is important as well. Christmas Eve is spent receiving friends and relaxing. The predominant dif­ference between Christmas in the United States and Latin America seems to be the intensity level.

"In Guatemala, there is much more affection shown at Christmas time. People are always hugging. Tylenol turns 12:00 on Christmas eve," said Noel Rubio, a native of Guatemala.

When Santa is passing over Costa Rica in his trinos (sleigh), most of the people there are either enjoying their traditional dinner or are at mass, a Catholic ceremony which takes place on Christmas Eve. A play called Villancicos is performed in which the birth of Jesus is depicted outside of the church building.

An interesting characteristic of Costa Rica's Christmas celebration is their way of compensating for the lack of snow. The capital city closes off the main street after 6 p.m. all through December and sprinkles it with confetti. This is sold in little bags by street vendors on the corners. Citizens come to walk down the street and enjoy their warmer version of the "white stuff."

All three countries have what they call Nacimiento. This is a large nativity scene made of ceramic figures placed in a corner of the house. The people pray to the Nacimiento until Jan. 6. This is the estimated day that the wise men came to visit the Christ child. Christmas festivities is laid out to differ from those in the United States and they are full of their own personal traditions. FelizNavidad!

The ‘common cold’ who’s who list

Mike Justus, M.D.

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The list of causative agents reads like a "Who's Who" of viruses: adenovirus, enterovirus, parainfluenza, etc. However, the most frequent offender is the rhinovirus, which has the ability to survive on dry surfaces for up to 23 hours. Transmission frequently occurs via hand-to-hand and hand-to-mouth contact.

Once on board the rhinovirus incubates for approximately 48 hours before initiating symptoms. Nasal secretions, body aches and throat irritation follow in rapid succession and then subside over several days. Fever is minimal if present at all.

Contagious spread of the virus exists for up to a week after the initial inoculation.

Careful handwashing and prompt disposal of contaminated tissue can diminish the risk for transmission.

Diagnosis of the "common cold" is made on clinical judgment. There are no conclusive diagnostic tests, and there are no vaccines available for prevention. Since the illness is generated by a virus, antibiotics are not helpful unless a secondary bacterial infection develops. The risk for a secondary infection is more likely in children and may present as an unrelenting upper respiratory illness, i.e. bronchitis or bronchopneumonia.

Management of the common cold remains symptomatic. Increased fluids, rest and acetaminophen (Tylenol) can minimize general discomfort. For some individuals decongestants may alleviate nasal inflam­mation. In spite of technological ad­vancements, "a cold will heal itself in seven days if it is treated and a week if it is not."

Holidays allow us to relive a common past and to renew common goals. This season also brings the common cold... a reminder that all things are not intended to be shared in common.
Sports Scope

Bison roundballers sweep final fall.homestead

by Ed Williams

The Harding University men's basketball team swept the final homestand of the season with victories over Philander Smith, and Missouri Baptist.

After Friday night's double figure remarach victory over Union, Harding barely had time to catch their breath before Philander Smith rallied into the Gamez Athletic Center Saturday night. By the time the game ended, though, it was Philander Smith needing air.

The Bison, playing a fast-paced run-and- gun game, blew the visitors out of the gym, winning by a score of 109 to 76. Sean French led the offense with 13 points and 11 rebounds, Corey Camper added 16 points, David Collins had 15, Carl Collins had 14, and David James scored 12 points.

Tuesday Missouri Baptist came to Scenery looking to knock off the Bison.

In a close game Monday night, Harding beat back Missouri Baptist College 133 to 84. It was a close game to the end. With just over two minutes to play, Missouri Baptist had pulled to within four, at 79-75.

Corey Camper took over in the final minutes, scoring seven of the Bison's final nine points. Camper led the team with 26 points, 11 rebounds, and 8 assists. Sean French added 26 points, Chad Bradley had 15, Barry Thames was 4 for 5 on 3-point attempts, and David James scored 10.

Bisons blaze into 1988-89 season

Chad Bradley sails for two points against John Brown University, Harding's Bisons second home game this season. The Bisons' record is 7-2.

* NEXT HOME GAME: January 9 in the Old Gym against the University of the Ozarks. This is the Bisons' first home conference game.

* THE BISON'S FIRST CONFERENCE GAME is at Hendrix Jan. 5.

Lady Bisons grab second place finish in John Brown Invitational Tournament

by Greg Peters

The Lady Bisons earned runner-up in the John Brown University Invitational Women's Basketball Tournament this past weekend.

Only the favored home team, JBU, managed to defeat Harding in the tourney. Hardin lost JBU earlier this season by 14 points in the Gamez Athletic Center. That tournament victory didn't come easy for JBU, however, as the Lady Bisons rallied from a 16 point deficit to tie them in the last minutes of the game. "We just wore ourselves out by the time we were back in it," said Head Coach Phil Watkins. Watkins was referring to the fact that Harding didn't have the depth they are used to. Two of the Lady Bisons' key players were unable to play, Lorrie Holmman and Julie Boddy (Boddy is averaging 14 points a game) were unable to play in the tournament. Junior Syrena Burch was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player having earned 22 points against Southwest Baptist.

In the first round of the tournament the Lady Bisons beat Southwest Baptist by 10 points to advance against John Brown. Two of Harding's losses are to Union who is ranked fifth in the nation. From their last two seasons to the present, Union has earned a record of 79-4.

One other loss was a disappointing one at the hands of Arkansas Baptist. "We should have won this one," according to Watkins. The fall season of play has concluded and Harding's record stands at 3-4. The girls come back after Christmas to play Bethel College, then they are off to a tournament at Oklahoma Christian College.

Jan. 9 the Lady Bisons start conference play against the University of the Ozarks. This game will be in the old gym. Watkins hopes to repeat last year's appearance in the District playoffs and finish in the top five conference teams.
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BISON FOOTBALL STATISTICS for the 1988 season (10 games)

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**Sports Scope**

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9. Alpha Phi "A": Marty Dejarinette — sweet turn-around from the paint, super Alexander — drives well on the baseline; Kevin Walker — can shoot the lights out, very fast; Ken Weinhardt — added muscle off the bench; Terrace Higgins — can jump out of the gym.

Key to victory: When Walker is hot, Alpha Phi will roll.

10. Kappa Sigma "B": Richard Echols — dominating rebounder; Peter Daniels — can help take up scoring slack outside; Scott Barber — ballhandler, scores well from top of court.

Key to victory: Must dominate inside.

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First Team

Terry Albright — offensive guard
Joe Phillips — defensive back

Second Team

Keith Perry — offensive tackle
Chris Hill — running back
Mike Alexander — wide receiver

Honorable Mention

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- "Open Water" training class orientation

Gorbachev... (continued from page 1)

500,000 troops in Europe, and new draft laws in the Soviet Union which would rule out persecution of persons for political or religious reasons.

All of these announcements were a part of his historical speech to the United Nations General Assembly on Wednesday. Historic because Gorbachev is the first Soviet leader in over 25 years to call for a reduction in his country’s own military strength. President Reagan said the United States would also be willing to reduce its troops in the armies of Western Alliance. Soviets plan to reduce offensive-type armaments and troops in Eastern Europe.

President Reagan seemed pleased at the announcement. "Naturally, I heartily approve" of Gorbachev’s announcement of military reductions, he said.

Gorbachev expressed in his hour-long speech to the U.N., interest in an era to end confrontation and begin worldwide peace.

"It is obvious... that the use of threat or force no longer can or must be an instrument of foreign policy," he said.

The General Secretary had a two-hour luncheon on Governor’s Island with President Reagan and President-elect George Bush after the speech to the U.N., but talk of arms over the dinner table was sparse. The leaders concerned themselves, instead, with talk of human rights issues, the Afghanistan ceasefire, chemical weapons, and even found time to discuss the two leaders’ mutual interest in horses.

Reagan was pleased with the day’s events. “It has been a good, successful day,” he said.

Bush, who will be inaugurated Jan. 20, said he looks forward to another meeting with Gorbachev "at an appropriate time."

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